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MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Program of Action to Prevent Communist Domination of South Viet Nam

REFERENCE: Memo for NSC, same subject, May 9, 1961

At the request of the Department of Defense, the enclosed views of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the report transmitted by the reference memorandum of May 9, 1961, are circulated for the information of the National Security Council.

Marion W. Boggs
Acting Executive Secretary

cc: Secretary of the Treasury
Attorney General
Director, Bureau of the Budget
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director of Central Intelligence

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
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May 9, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Program of Action for Vietnam (U)

1. Reference is made to the memorandum by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 8 May 1961, subject as above.

2. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have considered the Draft Program of Action, dated 6 May 1961, submitted in the foregoing memorandum, and in its detailed supporting annexes. The Joint Chiefs of Staff concur with the military actions set forth therein, subject to later revisions in detailed implementation that may prove desirable or necessary after CINCPAC and Chief, MAAG Vietnam have had an opportunity to comment and advise as to their implementing action. Details regarding Army troop deployments and training detachments should be decided after recommendations have been received from CINCPAC.

3. The Joint Chiefs of Staff concur with Chief, MAAG Vietnam and CINCPAC that direct participation by third countries in meeting the Communist guerrilla threat in Vietnam be limited to those contributions clearly in the US interest. Therefore, they recommend that paragraph II c (1) on page 11 of the Program of Action be deleted.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

(SIGNED)

ARLEIGH BURKE
Chief of Naval Operations

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